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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6784**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1787

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 8, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Library Services and School Library Printed Materials Grants.

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**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill prohibits a public library board from charging a fee for issuing a library card to an individual who owns real property in the library district but who is not a resident of the library district. (Current law requires a library board to charge such an individual a fee.) This bill eliminates term limits for members of the board of a Class 1 public library. It appropriates \$3 M from the state General Fund to the Department of Education to be used for school library printed materials grants. The bill requires a school corporation to match the amount of the grant.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill appropriates to the Department of Education (DOE) \$3 M from the state General Fund for its use in providing school library printed materials grants to school corporations beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The DOE must administer the school library printed materials grants. To be eligible for a grant, a school corporation must apply to the DOE in the form and manner specified by the DOE. The DOE will determine the amount of the grant that each applicant receives. The DOE will be able to implement the above provision given its existing resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) *Summary-* With respect to fees charged, the bill would cause an indeterminable reduction to local library revenues. The number of owners of property in library districts that do not live the district is unknown. The maximum fee that may be charged for a library card to an

Indiana resident that does not live in the issuing district is \$25.

In order to be eligible for a grant, a school corporation must provide money in an amount at least equal to the amount provided in the grant. The DOE must determine the amount of the grant that each applicant receives. This provision expires July 1, 2009. The amount of revenue that school corporations will receive will depend on the DOE and local action.

*Background-* In 2006, there were about 238 public libraries with taxing authority.

**State Agencies Affected:** DOE.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Libraries and School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** Local Government Database (LOGODABA).

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